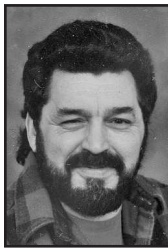


# OBITUARIES

## Richard Dorland Ray

**June 23, 1947 – April 11, 2016**  
Richard Dorland Ray "Mushy," 68, of Sheridan, formerly of Willamina, died of cancer on April 11.



He was born to Madeline L. Smith-Nelson and Arnold Houck in Willamina. Mushy Ray lived in Willamina most of his life after moving from Crescent City, Calif., where he lived with his parents.

He learned how to drive big trucks at an early age, being tutored by his Uncle Bob Smith, who drove off-road log trucks with him.

After he was old enough to get his commercial driver's license, Mushy branched out on his own, driving for many logging businesses in the west valley area.

Around 1980, he bought his own truck. He and his wife, Kathi, built that used truck into a mobile home-toter and began their own business as Richard Ray Trucking.

They both retired in 2009. Retirement didn't suit him, so he went to work for Hurst Berry farm (HBF International) in Sheridan.

He worked for HBF until cancer prevented him from working any longer.

He is preceded in death by his stepfather, John G. Nelson; stepmother, Joyce Houck; daughter, Stacy; and granddaughter, Mercedes.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Kathryn "Kathi" M. Ray; and many children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial service is at 10 a.m. on April 30 at the Grand Ronde Tribal Gymnasium with a meal to follow at the Elder Activities Center.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

To send an online tribute: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Robert Boswell

**June 14, 1931 – April 11, 2016**  
Robert Boswell, 84, died April 11.

Services are pending. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is handling arrangements.

For more information: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Mildred M. Schneider

**July 10, 1920 – March 7, 2016**  
Mildred "Mil" Schneider, 95, formerly of Dallas, died March 7.



She was born in Salt Creek to Mabel (Aebi) and Jacob Voth. She graduated valedictorian from Dallas High School in 1938. In May 1942, she earned a degree as a registered nurse from Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing in Portland.

She attended Linfield College and went on to graduate from Reed College with a bachelor's in 1944.

She married her high school sweetheart Gilbert D. Schneider in the Salt Creek Church on Aug. 18, 1944.

They were commissioned by the North American Baptist Convention as missionaries to Cameroon, West Africa, in 1946.

The Salt Creek Baptist Church sponsored them during their time in Africa. Mil used her nursing skills building a hospital and leprosy control settlement at Mbingo, in Cameroon.

The design for the struc-

ture followed that of the hospital at Vanport, which she studied at Reed College and would later be washed away in the Vanport flood.

Returning to the United States, Mil and Gil settled in Athens, Ohio, where she worked as a psychiatric nurse in the Ohio State Mental Hospital from 1964-1982.

After retiring, they moved to Lincoln City in 1985, where they lived until moving to Portland.

Mil was a member of the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church during her time in Portland.

Husband Gil died on July 26, 1999. Daughter Mary Alice Schneider; brother Lester Voth; and sister Arlene Jansen (Voth) also died before she did.

She is survived by children, Evan G. Schneider, of Portland, and Linda M. Smalley (Schneider), of Bowling Green, Ohio; and extended family.

## Paul Thomas Mannen Jr.

**Aug. 22, 1933 – April 12, 2016**  
Paul Thomas Mannen Jr., 82, of Dallas, died on April 12.

Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on May 7 at the First Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

Donations may be made to Dallas Education Foundation, Delbert Hunter Arboretum, or Dallas First Presbyterian Church in care of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, 287 SW Washington St., Dallas, who handled arrangements.

To leave an online tribute: [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com).

## Obituary Information

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Most funeral homes handle obituary information and provide it to the newspaper. However, information can also be submitted directly from family members.

Color and black-and-white photos can be submitted, but photos will only be published in black and white.

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Obituaries are subject to editing for style, content and length.

Information can be brought or mailed to the *Itemizer-Observer*, 147 SE Court St., Dallas, OR 97338, or emailed to [ionews@polkio.com](mailto:ionews@polkio.com).

For more information: Emily Mentzer, 503-623-2373.

## Ramona G. (Edwards) Harris

**Feb. 5, 1935 - April 6, 2016**



Ramona G. (Edwards) Harris, 81, born to Gay R. Edwards and Agnes A. Edwards on February 5, 1935; entered eternal life, Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at her home in Monmouth Oregon.

Ramona began a career of loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother after marrying Jack L. Harris on June 18, 1955.

Her lifelong love of music began at age 5 as a gifted violinist in the Brooklyn Washington elementary school orchestra. It was a gift that continued throughout her life as she conquered the piano and massive pipe organs. Her talent was beyond measure and her natural skills were often envied by those with more formal training.

Ramona lovingly and happily shared her knowledge and understanding of great music with the Episcopal Church playing the organ for St. Thomas in Dallas, St. Mark's in Hood River, Good Samaritan in Corvallis and Trinity in Portland and also through accompaniment for music majors in colleges. Her spirit will be carried forth by her husband of 60 years, Jack Harris, her daughter, Cyndi Harris and her grandsons, Ryan, Nolan, Logan, Corbyn and Evan, and her great grandsons, Makiha, Dawson and Braden, as well as many lovers of her music she shared throughout her life and her beloved Scottish Terrier, Caitlyn.

There will be a private celebration of Ramona's life at her home on Saturday, April 30th at 2 o'clock pm. Anyone wanting to attend may either phone 541- 588 -2396 for information or email [cyn259@gmail.com](mailto:cyn259@gmail.com).

Donations can be made to : Chamber Music Society of Oregon PO Box 2911 Portland Oregon 97208 Or: Willamette Valley Hospice 1020 Elm St. NW Salem Or.97304.

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## Anne Justina Carrington

**April 15, 1920 - April 12, 2016**



Anne Justina Friesen, Fern, Klein, Carrington passed away April 12, 2016 just days shy of her 96th birthday at Brookside Manor of Hood River, Oregon.

Services to honor Anne are planned for 1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Anderson's Tribute Center with Pastor Alicia Speidel officiating.

Anne was born April 15, 1920 in Dallas, Oregon to Jacob and Elizabeth (Bartel) Friesen. She was preceded in death by her 4 siblings, Leta Watson, Harry, Herman (Bud) and Walter Friesen.

Her mother died when she was just 7 years old and Anne and her siblings were sent to live with various aunts and uncles. They were also partially raised by the oldest sister, Leta.

While growing up she lived in Dallas, Salem and Portland and graduated from Dallas High School as salutatorian in 1938. She married Walter Fern, in 1938. Walter's sister, Emma (Fern) Bartel was married to Anne's uncle, Ike Bartel, which makes for an interesting family tree. Walter and Anne had 5 daughters, the first of which, Maxine, died in infancy. The surviving daughters are Kathleen McCaw (Eldon) of Hood River, Christine Shepard (David) of Salem, Barbara Patton of Canby and Pamela McClellan (Michael) of Camas, Washington. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren (Jeff and Greg McCaw, David and Daniel Knudsen, Jeani Chatin, Luana Reed, Craig Jones, Michele Bratfute, Brooke Knoester and Amanda Griffin), 22 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

She and Walter divorced in 1966. She married James (Jim) Klein in 1989 and moved from Dallas to Portland. He died in 1993. In 1999 she married John (Jack) Carrington, also of Portland and they moved to Hood River in 2007. Jack died in 2011.

While living in Dallas, she worked for Craven Insurance Agency for 30 years and was active in Insurance Women's Association of Oregon for most of those years. She was a member of both Dallas First Christian Church, where she taught Sunday school for years, and later the Methodist Church. In Portland she was a member of Sunnyside Methodist Church and a volunteer at the William Temple House. In Hood River, she and Jack belonged to the Hood River Valley Christian Church.

Anne loved music, which was evident in almost everything she did. She directed several church choirs, directed the Salem Sweet Adeline's for many years, sang in duets, trios and quartets for church and with her brothers and Uncle Ike Bartel, and sang with the Rickreall Christmas Pageant regularly.

She also loved to travel and visited many countries in Europe and many states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Anne was a hard worker, very independent and a little on the stubborn side. She loved her family, and her grandchildren gave her great joy. She was an avid Reader's Digest condensed books reader and always looked forward to her daily cross-word puzzle.

The family wishes to thank Brookside Manor and Providence hospice for their excellent care, along with her granddaughter, Jan McCaw, for her companionship in the last few years.

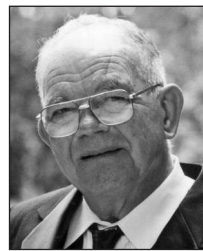
The family suggests donations to the Alive Inside Foundation ([www.Aliveinside.org](http://www.Aliveinside.org)).

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations) 1401 Belmont Avenue, Hood River, Oregon 97031.

Please visit [www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com](http://www.AndersonsTributeCenter.com) to leave a note of condolence for the family.

## DONLEY (DON) LLOYD BOTTENBERG

**January 14, 1933 - April 15, 2016**



Don passed away peacefully April 15, 2016. Don was born to Lloyd and Jennie (Schulson) Bottenberg on January 14, 1933 at their home in the Salt Creek area near Dallas. Don attended Perrydale Schools for 11 years having skipped the first grade.

Don worked for Silas Starr farm near the Salt Creek Store during his early years. He owned and operated a log truck and hauled logs for Earl Godsey in Benton and Polk counties until being drafted into the Navy in 1955. After serving for two years, he worked in a saw mill near the Steel Bridge in Willamina and also assisted his father on the farm in Ballston. He took over the farming duties after his father retired. Don was a talented mechanic and carpenter. He created and reinvented machines to use around the farm and built his family a home. Don farmed until 1995. After retirement, he was able to see much of the United States. His favorite trip was a road trip to Alaska which he talked of often.

Don had a big heart and believed in the importance of family. He enjoyed time with his family, believed in the spirit of children, and had a soft spot for animals.

Don married Velma Young in 1964 at the McCabe Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife Velma, son Ray Bottenberg (Jeanna), daughter Kristi Wilson (Robert) and daughter Patricia Ward (Chris). He is survived by six grandchildren, Katie and Jenny Wilson, Ian Bottenberg, and Tristen, Colin and Mary Ward and many nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Aldine.

Don is also survived by his dog Bo. He always had a dog and was commonly seen walking his dog, also often accompanied by a cat.

We will all miss his wonderful laugh.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Amity Education Foundation. A service will be held Thursday, April 21st at 3:00 pm at Amity United Methodist Church, 203 Nursery Avenue, Amity. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.macyandson.com](http://www.macyandson.com)

# Preventing abuse is job of all

**By Emily Mentzer**

The *Itemizer-Observer*

MONMOUTH — Monmouth Police Sgt. Kim Dorn doesn't pay attention to every special "month," but April's Child Abuse Prevention Month is one she asks officers to honor.

"Children can't protect themselves," she said. "We have to be protectors for children."

When Dorn says "we," she

means everyone in the community, not just police officers.

"They can't care for themselves; they can't get themselves out of situations that may be bad," she said.

Dorn said people make more reports to the child welfare hotline than they used to.

"Sometimes it may be an overreaction, sometimes not," she said. "We appreciate people making those calls. We have the training and the knowhow. If it was just a mom or dad that just lost their temper, we can look at the family dynamic and make contact with the family and not just accuse them of abuse."

Officers don't investigate reports of abuse with a pre-determination of guilt and to make an arrest, Dorn said.

"We make the parents feel like we are here to help you," she said. "We aren't here to take you to jail and interfere with your life; that's not our purpose."

Children have accidents, too, Dorn said.

"When a parent is up front and honest with us about what happened, it makes everything a lot easier to determine," she said. "We realize — we have kids — we realize that kids are going to have injuries and get bumps and bruises. We have to look at the totality of the situation."

If you see a child who you suspect has been abused, or know someone who needs help: child welfare hotline, 503-378-6704, or call your local police department.

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